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'MS PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. \$ 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): Laurent Alain NAJMAN

For: SKEW DETECTION

Enclosed are:

A specification consisting of twenty (20) pages

 \square Three (3) sheet(s) of formal drawings

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

	Applicant does not claim priority					
	Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 11 based on Application No(s). 02292100.1 filed in Europe o August 27, 2002. Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto. Certified copy(ies) will follow.					
\boxtimes	Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow					
	Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27					
	Preliminary Amendment					
	Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76					
\boxtimes	Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)					
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	Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee					
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The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.

- A check in the amount of \$786.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
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